

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title: COHERENTLY SHARING ANY FORM OF INSTANT  
SNAPSHOTS SEPARATELY FROM BASE VOLUMES  
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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated September 19, 2007, having a shortened statutory period expiring on December 19, 2007. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

**No Amendments to the Specification** are presented in this paper.

**No Amendments to the Drawings** are presented in this paper.

**No Amendments to the Claims** are presented in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on **page 7** of this paper.

An **Appendix** including an invention disclosure form (*Exhibit A*) and declarations by Applicants (*Exhibits A and B*) is included following **page 10** of this paper.